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Sir:

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 254 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.322, this is a request for the issuance of a Certificate of Correction in the above-identified patent to correct mistakes made by the PTO. Two (2) copies of the PTO Form 1050 are attached. The complete Certificate of Correction involves one (1) page.

The mistakes identified in the appended form are of a clerical or typographical nature, or of minor character, and resulted from mistakes on the part of the PTO or its contractors. In reviewing the issued patent, Patentee noted that the **printed** claims, which correspond to claims 1-13 filed July 5, 2005, do not, in fact, correspond to the **allowed** claims (claims 1-11 filed January 26, 2004). This error, addressed in the attached Certificate of Correction, presumably arose from the PTO's failure to recognize that Patentee's amendments to the claims filed July 5, 2005 were denied entry by the Examiner. Specifically, as stated in the

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Examiner's Interview Summary, mailed August 16, 2005, due to the issuance of a Quayle action closing prosecution on the merits, "no newly submitted claims or the amendments to the claims will be considered on the merit." This decision is confirmed in the Notice of Allowability, also mailed August 16, 2005, which expressly states that the allowed claims correspond to claims 1-11 filed on January 26, 2004. Accordingly, the claims amendments filed July 5, 2005 should have been denied entry.

In the attached Certificate of Correction, Patentee requests that claim 1 be corrected to correspond to claim 1 as filed on January 26, 2004 and that claims 12 and 13 be deleted in their entirety. The additional corrections, at column 4, lines 41 and 43, and column 5, line 40, merely address typographical errors that presumably arose at the PTO printer.

As the noted errors arose from mistakes on the part of the PTO or its contractors, no fee is required. However, if any additional fees are needed in connection with the filing of this request, authorization is hereby given to charge such fees due to Deposit Account No. 50-2101.

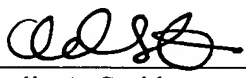
Issuance of the Certificate of Correction containing the noted corrections is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

In the specification, column 4, line 41, please change "wit" to -- with --.

In the specification, column 4, line 43, please change "tat" to -- that --.

In the specification, column 5, line 40 (claim 1), please change "lest" to -- least --.

In the specification, column 6, line 9 (claim 1 at end), please insert the following phrase after the words "said injury":

-- ; and d) adjusting periodically the tension of said at least one elastomeric strap to maintain sufficient tension to provide patient comfort --.

In the specification, column 6, lines 35-40 (claims 12 and 13), please delete claims 12 and 13 in their entirety.

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